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SUBJECT: CONVICTION IN CROATIA FOR HOSTILE PROPAGANDA

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1. ZAGREB TABLOID "VECERNJI LIST" OF MAY 5 REPORTS THAT HIGH COURT OF SPAVONSKI POZEGA SENTENCED 41-YEAR-OLD ENGINEER, DJURA KOROVLEVIC, TO TWO YEARS OF STRICT IMPRISONMENT FOR "CRIMINAL ACT OF HOSTILE PROPAGANDA." ACCORDING TO UNDATED PRESS REPORT, KOROVLEVIC, WHO WAS WORKING IN GERMANY, RETURNED TO YUGOSLAVIA IN 1975 AND BROUGHT BACK WITH HIM A LEAFLET OF CROATIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (HRVATSKO NARODNO VIJECE) ENTITLED "LETTER TO A CROATIAN PATRIOT." HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE GIVEN THIS LEAFLET IN LATE 1975 TO AN ACQUAINTANCE AND TO HAVE ASKED HIM TO PASS IT ALONG TO "GOOD CROATIANS."

2. COMMENT: THE CROATIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, WHOSE MATERIAL KOROVLEVIC IS ACCUSED OF DISTRIBUTING, PROCLAIMS ITS GOAL TO BE AN INDEPENDENT CROATIA AND OPENLY ADVOCATES VIOLENCE (REFTEL). MANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED WITH THE GROUP ARE FORMER MEMBERS OF WORLD WAR II USTASHI REGIME AND SOME HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN EUROPE. IN VIEW OF THIS,
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(AND THE PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY OF THE NATIONALISM QUESTION IN THE MIXED CROAT-SERB SLAVONIA AREA OF CROATIA), IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE CROATIAN AUTHORITIES REACTED STRONGLY TO CIRCULATION OF CROATIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS MATERIAL.

3. BELGRADE COMMENT: LEGAL SYSTEM WHICH LIMITS FREE SPEECH AND ASSOCIATION ALSO EXPLAINS TWO YEAR SENTENCE FOR DISTRIBUTING

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